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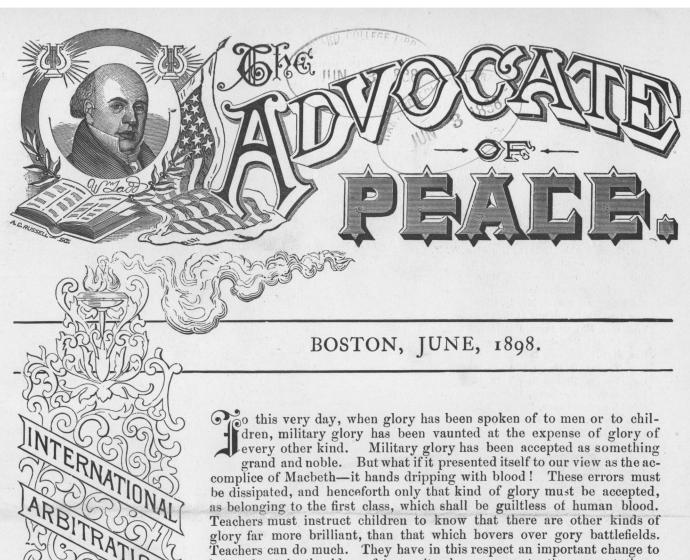
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dren, military glory has been spoken of to men or to children, military glory has been vaunted at the expense of glory of every other kind. Military glory has been accepted as something grand and noble. But what if it presented itself to our view as the accomplice of Macbeth—it hands dripping with blood! These errors must be dissipated, and henceforth only that kind of glory must be accepted, as belonging to the first class, which shall be guiltless of human blood. Teachers must instruct children to know that there are other kinds of glory far more brilliant, than that which hovers over gory battlefields. Teachers can do much. They have in this respect an important change to bring about in the ideas of humanity, because, up to the present time, the youthful generation have been instructed according to a system of education and of history absolutely false; and in which war has been made to apppear, and has been regarded, not only as one of the greatest and noblest things in this world, but as the chief of all that is greatest and noblest. In this false order of ideas is youth brought up. It would appear as though past ages had nothing more instructive to impart to us than an interminable list of sieges and battles. The glory of thinking, working, producing, creating, is at once more novel and more worthy than vulgar, warlike tame. This is the kind of glory and fame in the love of which our children must be nurtured, and which their instructors must henceforth teach them to admire and venerate.

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Conscience and Patriotism.

We have been witness in the last few weeks in this country to an extraordinary moral phenomenon which promises no good to the nation. Before the war broke out there were three classes of views among the citizens of the country. One class of people believed, or claimed to believe, that war was the only right way of proceeding with Spain. They would have nothing else but the sword and shell, slaughter and desolation, to punish the Spaniards for their sins and to avenge those who perished with the Maine. To these we do not refer. They have been at least consistent, whatever their character and motives may have been.

Another class of persons believed that the relief of Cuba and reparation for the destruction of the Maine might be attained by pacific means, but that, if the pacific policy failed, war, horrible and barbarous as it is, would be justifiable in order to put an end to the inhuman condition of things near our doors, brought on by a war cruel in character and of long duration. The extraordinary moral phenomenon to which we allude has not been among this class of persons, who have at least been consistent in their position.

A third class of our citizens, and by no means a small class,-in parts of the country a very large class in fact, - believed that the United States, considering its political character, its professed international policy of friendly neutrality, its record in the arbitration movement, its high duties to civilization of a new, pacific type, would be abandoning the essential principles of its national life and committing a crime against civilization, if it went beyond its own territory and plunged into the barbarities of war in order to remedy the barbarities brought on by war in Cuba. The reasonings and declarations of many of these were of the strongest, noblest, truest kind. We are glad to know that a portion of them have kept their faith in the hour of trial.

But what do we see on the part of many of them? "Now that we are in it," now that what they declared to be national debauch, iniquity, crime, is actually being committed, they have deliberately swallowed their professions, abandoned the categorical imperatives of conscience, and gone headlong into support of the very thing which they were denouncing as essentially wrong. We have respect for those who, from the beginning, out of generous considerations of humanity, believed the war to be justifiable, however erroneous we may hold their position to be. But what shall be said of those who, out of fear of being called unpatriotic or considered singular, have turned the light within them into darkness, and gone straight-a-way to uphold and shout for what to them is wrong?

Patriotism is a grand and noble thing, when rightly understood. But no man is a patriot, in any